

New police strategy aims to mobilize public in fight against crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new national police strategy to meet growing fears that the battle against crime is being lost, is disclosed in a Home Office circular to chief constables and police authorities...

Scores pledge cash for Greenpeace fine

By Tony Samstag

Greenpeace, the environmental action group, said yesterday that it had been overwhelmed by telephone calls from people offering contributions towards the £50,000 fine levied by a High Court judge on Thursday for contempt of court...

Anti-vandal paint kills 20 birds

More than 20 robins, blackbirds and sparrows died after struggling to free themselves from non-drying anti-vandal paint on top of council garages...

Motorist dies in collision

Mr Gary McGonagle, aged 26, died yesterday when the car he was driving was involved in a collision with a motorcyclist being followed by police...

CND to debate freeze

By Pat Healy

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will decide at its annual conference in Sheffield this weekend whether to follow its leadership in backing a nuclear freeze campaign and whether it should campaign nationally for members of the armed forces to join CND...

French keeping an eye on UHT milk delay

By Mark Rosselli

The French reacted yesterday with dignity to news that their own delaying tactics had been used by the British against the first consignment of French long-life milk...

National Gallery spends £81,000 on Bilbao view

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The National Gallery spent £81,000 at Christie's yesterday on its first eighteenth century painting from Spain, other than a Goya...

Advertisement for Hansel & Gretel Theatre, featuring a bird illustration and showtimes.



Royal visitor: The Princess of Wales opening a training centre for handicapped adults in Wantage, Oxfordshire, yesterday. The £276,000 centre will cater for 34 trainees.

Hunt's fear for Parole Board

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Revised parole procedures announced by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, this week were criticised yesterday by Lord Hunt, former chairman of the Parole Board...

First magnetic body scanner on show

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Reporter

The world's first magnetic resonance equipment designed to investigate the biochemistry of the human body was launched yesterday at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford...

Technology plea to colleges

By Our Education Correspondent

Further education colleges which give technical training to adults should teach all students information technology, a conference was told yesterday...

Ministers adamant over rate powers

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Indeed, it has even been suggested that the same strong feeling about town hall independence might provoke the Lords to vote down the legislation...



Mr Jenkin (left) and Mr Cunningham: Preparing for battle.

Ridley unveils Bill to take over London Transport

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

The Government yesterday published its London Regional Transport Bill and so took the first step towards wresting control of the capital's buses and Tubes from Mr Kenneth Livingstone and his fellow politicians at the Greater London Council...

Unsure Kasparov offers a draw

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

The postponed fifth game between Garry Kasparov and Viktor Korchnoi in the Acorn Computers world Chess Championship semi-finals on Thursday at the Great Eastern Hotel, London, ended in a draw after 21 moves...

Cash pledge by Yoko Ono

Yoko Ono, widow of John Lennon, the musician, said at Heathrow airport yesterday that she would give a large sum to the Strawberry Fields Salvation Home in Liverpool...

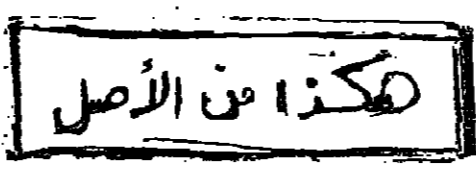
Ban on public illegal, health authority told

Brent Health Authority in London has been told that a special meeting it is to hold on Monday to vote through a £250,000 government spending cut will be illegal and its decisions void...

Beer allegation

Thirty two people were remanded on bail at Widnes Magistrates' Court, Cheshire, yesterday on charges relating to an alleged conspiracy to steal beer from Greenall Whitley, the brewers...

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Bruce Lee cleared of 11 killings, but convictions on 15 fire victims stand

Bruce Lee, the self-confessed Humberston arsonist, was cleared in the Court of Appeal yesterday of causing the death of eleven elderly men in a fire at an old people's home.

But the decision to quash Lee's convictions for arson and manslaughter in this incident will not mean that he will be freed. He is still detained in a mental hospital for 10 other fires which killed another 15 people.

After a short adjournment during which Mr Harry Ognall QC, Lee's counsel, saw him in the cells before the court, Mr Ognall returned to court and announced that Lee would withdraw his two remaining applications for leave to appeal.

The withdrawn applications related to fires at Askew Avenue, Hull, in June 1973 and West Dock Avenue, Hull, in January 1977. Lord Justice Ackner, sitting with Mr Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Leggatt, said they would be formally dismissed and the court would give a full judgment next week.

Quashing Lee's convictions of starting a fire at Wensley Lodge, Hull on January 5, 1977, and the manslaughter of the eleven men, Lord Justice Ackner said the conviction were not safe. The main reason was the "unsatisfactory nature of the forensic evidence".

The judge said that the Home Office Scientist, Mr Graham Devenport, should have suggested to the 1977 inquiry into the cause of the fire that it might have been deliberately started with paraffin. If that had been suggested, the construction of the room where the fire was

discovered could have been checked more closely to see if Lee's story about using paraffin and paper to start the fire was supported by the scientific evidence.

Lord Justice Ackner said the court was making no criticism of Det Supt Ronald Sagar, the policeman who interviewed Lee after his arrest.

"We have no doubt that Lee made the statements, both oral and written; that they were voluntarily and properly obtained by Det Supt Sagar and words as he said them," the judge said. Although the prosecution case would have been strong, based on Lee's confessions to the police and others including his own solicitor, the forensic evidence had been "unsatisfactory". It was not safe to allow the convictions to stand.

Lee, aged 23, of Irton House, Cavell Place, Hull, admitted all 11 fires and the manslaughter of 26 people when he appeared before Mr Justice Tudor Evans at Leeds Crown Court in January 1981. He was ordered to be detained indefinitely in a mental hospital. But after *The Sunday Times* investigated his case he began to protest his innocence.

The Court of Appeal hearing, which lasted nine days, opened with Lee seeking leave to appeal against all his convictions. After being refused leave to appeal over fires at homes in Selby Street and Troutbeck House, Hull, Lee's lawyers withdrew six other applications and concentrated on the last three cases.

The court had been told that a committee of inquiry into the Wensley Lodge fire decided that it had been started by a plumber's blowtorch accidentally setting light to ceiling boards.

But, after Lee confessed to the police and told them he started the fire with paraffin, inquiries were reopened. During the appeal, defence experts said that the facts of the fire did not fit Lee's story, which he had denied telling police.

After the hearing Lee's lawyers said they would consider asking the Home Secretary to look into the cases on which he was refused leave to appeal.

Yesterday's court decision means that Lee no longer holds the title "Britain's most prolific killer" given to him by *The Guinness Book of Records*. With 15 deaths still on his record Lee is now equal with Dennis Nilsen, recently convicted of killing 15 people.



Lee: Denied confession.



Family reunion: Police Constable Bill Hopkins, from East Grinstead, organized a surprise for his wife Sylvia at Surrey police headquarters, Guildford, yesterday. He arranged for their son Peter to fly from the United States and play the villain on the last day of his 13-week training course with Shane, his new alsatian.

Witnesses given cash by accused doctor

A doctor accused of serious professional misconduct said yesterday that he had given money to witnesses in his General Medical Council hearing.

Dr Dasrath Rai, aged 61, giving evidence to the professional conduct committee, admitted that after the hearing on Thursday he was approached by drug addicts.

"The first person approached me had no bus fare to go home. I gave him £1.

"A second person came up to me. He was from Worthing and had no money. I gave him £5.

It is alleged that Dr Rai sold prescriptions for hard drugs for £10 or £15 from his former private practice in Bateman Street, Soho, London, other than for bona fide treatment.

Dr Rai told the committee that he had told patients of the dangers of injecting by using Dicanol tablets, a heroin substitute.

"The people that died, injected. They didn't die from the treatment I tried to carry out."

Dr Rai said that he prescribed Dicanol because it was the most convenient drug to wear people off heroin.

"If I found a patient buying drugs on the black market I would take him off my list immediately."

He said that his initial fee was £30, which included a consultation and prescription.

Dr Rai said that he thought he took between £400 and £500 a week from March to October, 1982 - not £1,000 a week.

He denied that he had shown irresponsibility in his treatment of two patients who died.

The hearing continues

Drug safety for elderly tightened

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The Committee on Safety of Medicines is to tighten the licensing system for new drugs widely used by the elderly after the Opren controversy, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

Drug companies will have to carry out studies on how the elderly cope with the drugs after evidence that Opren accumulated in their bodies.

Opren, used to treat arthritis, was withdrawn in August last year, after it was linked with the deaths of 76 people and after 3,800 people were reported to have suffered significant side effects.

BBC plans nuclear war play

By David Hewson

The BBC is planning a 90-minute drama on the aftermath of a nuclear attack among people in Sheffield. The play, due to be shown in about a year, was commissioned 18 months ago, before the controversy over the American production *The Day After* which will be seen on independent television on December 10.

Mr Michael Jackson, producer of the BBC play, said yesterday: "We have no axe to grind. We have talked to people from CND, people from the Home Office and scientific advisers in Britain and America, to try to come up with the most likely course of events after a nuclear attack."

The play, called *Threads* and written by Barry Hines, the author of *Kes*, starts five weeks before a nuclear attack and ends 15 years after a bomb has dropped on neighbouring Rotherham. Sheffield City Council, which as declared the city a nuclear-free zone, has offered to cooperate with the play's production in the city, which starts in February.

Mr Jackson said that Sheffield was selected as the site of the play because it is where Mr Hines lives, and is in the centre of Britain.

Both Mr Jackson and Mr Hines took part in a home defence college course for local government workers on dealing with post-nuclear Britain, and some scenes of the play tackle the administration of society after the bomb. The play will also describe the effects on the local economy, climate and agriculture.

Britain's teenagers are overwhelmingly pessimistic about the probability of a nuclear war, but also largely ignorant about the nature of nuclear weapons, according to a survey.

A survey published by *IT Times* to mark next week's showing of *The Day After* has revealed that more than half the people aged between 15 and 18 who were questioned thought that a nuclear war would occur in their lifetimes, and 70 per cent thought that one was inevitable one day.

But the 422 teenagers interviewed put little faith in unilateral disarmament. Nearly three quarters felt that it would have no effect on the policies of other countries, but nearly two thirds thought that the presence of nuclear weapons in Britain was no protection from attack.

Dry summer seals Pakamac's fate

By Alan Hamilton

Pakamac, a name synonymous for the past quarter-century with the vagaries of the British weather, has fallen into the hands of the receiver.

By a cruel irony, the very unpredictability of British rain on which the company built its folding plastic raincoat fortune was in the end its downfall; this year's long dry summer dealt sales a mortal blow.

The firm was based, inevitably, in Manchester, the English capital of wet weather. This week two accountants from the firm of Deloitte Haslkins and Sells moved into the company's headquarters at Warwick Mill in Midsalton, north Manchester, to study the books in the hope of selling the business as a going concern.

Pakamac's directors derived little satisfaction from the fact that Mr Frank Mycroft, one of the receivers, arrived at Warwick Mill to assume control of the business with a tightly-rolled Pakamac in his briefcase. From a heyday in the 1950s of selling 48,000 plastic raincoats every week, sales have collapsed to fewer than 4,000 a week.

The company, which has 185 workers, has not made profit since 1977. The original plastic raincoat, invented by a Mancunian called Cohen in the early 1950s, accounts for barely 10 per cent of production. And they are all made in China.

In recent years the company's principal line has been a folding nylon raincoat, actually made in Manchester. But this summer, with few showers on the horizon for weeks on end, demand collapsed.

That was a body blow to Pakamac, which had started the year with a miserable winter and a disappointing spring.

Pakamac had tried recently to reduce its dependence on fluctuating sales governed by summer showers; last year two Pakamac directors, Mr Graham White and Mr Keith Manley, bought the business back from its parent company and tried to introduce more fashionable rainwear lines, but their scheme was ultimately unsuccessful.

When the Pakamac, essentially a plastic bag with sleeves, was introduced in the 1950s it cost 7s 6d and gained immediate popularity with office workers, walkers, golfers and housewives, as a light and convenient alternative to the standard belted gaberdine raincoat of the day. The Chinese-made version is still only £3.95, but the Manchester-made nylon foldaway retails at £13.95.

Severn Bridge critics win reassurance

Mr John Stradling Thomas, Minister of State at the Welsh Office, yesterday denied allegations that the government was "burying its head in the sand" over the problem of the Severn Bridge.

The Government, he said, appreciated the need to strengthen the bridge, to improve alternative routes and to start work on a second crossing of the Severn estuary. Options put forward by engineering consultants were being assessed.

Aid plan for uncommercial new books

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Book publishers and the Arts Council are working on the formation of a Literature Investment Trust which would subsidise the publication of uncommercial books.

The provisional estimates are that £150,000 would come from the Arts Council and £40,000 from publishers, the secretary general of the council, Mr Luke Ritter, said yesterday.

ITV microcomputer may be launched

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The independent television companies are to decide in about 10 days whether to compete with the success of the BBC Microcomputer and launch their own product.

Although several microcomputer companies have been investigated including Transam, which is based in London, there is a division of opinion among the executives of the television companies. Those who oppose the scheme fear that a commitment to one product would rob them of advertising for competing products.

The Independent Television Companies Association's council meets on December 12. Talks with the Independent

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Aftermath of two jumbo jet disasters

Evidence points to human error as likely cause of Madrid crash

Human error is emerging as the most likely cause of the Boeing 747 crash in the vicinity of Madrid last Sunday, which claimed 181 lives. Earlier theories of mechanical failure, based on witness reports of an engine fire and explosion, are now being ruled out.

The valley of the Jarama river, which has escarpments on either side. The pilot's course deviation took him over a range of low hills some 400ft above the valley floor. It was on the crest of one of these that the Boeing touched, bounced and finally stalled to crash and explode into flames on impact.

"pull up" alarm of the Ground Proximity Warning System. There is speculation here that Captain Hernandez, who had worked for Avianca for 38 years and had no previous incidents in 35,000 flying hours, might have collapsed at the controls. Unfortunately, the pilot's body is among the 86 victims still awaiting identification, and no post-mortem examination has yet been possible.

equipped with both primary and secondary radar, and would therefore in theory have a clear visual record of these factors. However, a new system was brought into operation in September, and testing troubles with such equipment are not unusual.

KAL relatives press for much more

Korean relatives of victims of the Korean Airlines disaster last September have joined their Japanese counterparts in turning down offers of compensation from the airline.

other expenses have been agreed but beyond that the battle-lines have been drawn in what is likely to be a legal contest lasting years.

account. Therefore the KAL offer of about one fifth that sum has had a decidedly negative effect in a country where the emphasis is on good faith rather than litigation.

win more than the minimum pay-out seems remote. The absence of the flight recorder in the case of Flight 007 raises similar difficulties in the present claims.

Astronauts want extra day in space

The six-man crew of the space shuttle Columbia will be told this weekend whether they can remain in space an extra day. Their nine-day mission was originally scheduled to end next Wednesday, but the astronauts would like more time to get through their heavy workload in the European Spacecraft.

Iran seeks doctors from abroad

Iran is trying hard to attract doctors to come and work here and at the same time improve its image abroad. More than 500 doctors from all over the world attended a five-day medical seminar in the Hilton Hotel in Tehran at Iran's expense.

Denmark opposes missiles

Denmark has become the second member of Nato to oppose the deployment of US nuclear missiles in Western Europe, the other objector being Greece.

Kohl rejects Pravda accusation

Bonn yesterday rejected Pravda's accusation that Chancellor Helmut Kohl had distorted the contents of President Andropov's letter to him, saying the Chancellor did not retract a single word of his interpretation.

Time limit on damages claims

The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, sponsored by Mr Alexander Eadie (Midlothian, Lab) obtained its second reading in the Commons after Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, had said it was an important measure of law reform.

Perjury by environment official

Mrs Rita Lavelle, a former Environmental Protection Agency official, has been found guilty of perjury and of impeding congressional investigations into her handling of the agency's programme to clean up hazardous waste sites.

Bill against power sharing adjourned

A Bill seeking to end power-sharing in the Northern Ireland Assembly was tabled out in the Commons by Mr Nicholas Smith, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Wheel clamps

Mr Douglas Hard, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written Commons answer that in London up to November 18, 22,124 wheel clamp release charges of £19.50 each had yielded £431,418.



Down and out: Mr Romulo, "an old engine in need of spare parts", after announcing his resignation.

Sick, worn-out politician wants to quit at 85

Manila (AP) - Weeping and describing himself as a sick, tired, old man, Mr Carlos Romulo the Philippine Foreign Minister, said he will retire on his eighty-fifth birthday next month.

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Paris prepares for huge anti-racist demonstration today

The largest anti-racist demonstration ever held in France is expected to take place in Paris today at the culmination of a 600-mile march lasting a month and a half by a handful of young Arab immigrants, most of them unemployed.

Late swing may help Caldera

Seven million Venezuelans go to the polls tomorrow to choose a new President, and the results looking far less clear-cut than they did even a few days ago.

Lambsdorff can now be prosecuted

The Bundestag formally voted yesterday to lift parliamentary immunity on Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister, so that the Bonn public prosecutor can serve an accusation of corruption on him.

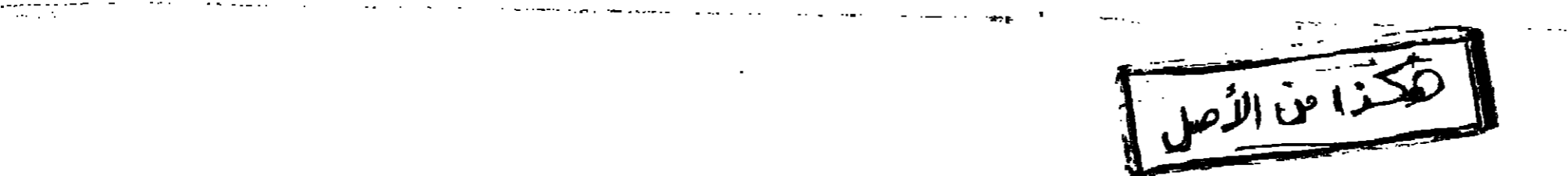
Venezuela Elections

The main change in the new law is an increase in the amount of tax relief that can be claimed against donations, and a rise in the state contributions to political parties contesting elections.

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Russia to spell out line on cruise

Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Soviet Chief of Staff, is to spell out the hardline military response to cruise and Pershing at a Moscow press conference on Monday.



Tory rebels give boost to Thatcher 'no deal, no cash' message to EEC

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The Tory rebels who abstained or voted against the Government on Thursday night in the debate on the EEC budget have done sterling service for Mrs Thatcher. Their message is precisely the one which she will be delivering forcefully from the time the European summit opens in Athens tomorrow afternoon to the time it ends some 48 hours later.

The message is: No deal - no money. In other words, if the British Government and Parliament cannot be satisfied with the outcome of this crisis summit, there is no chance at all of the Community being given the extra cash it must have if it is not to go bankrupt, stagnate and disintegrate.

That has been the British message ever since the Stuttgart summit in June. It has been the Leitmotif of Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Nigel Lawson through the 11 very long days of complicated negotiation which they have slogged their way through on the way to the summit. It is only in the course of the last week, however, that the message appears to have got through. If there were any doubt at all remaining the vote in Westminster should have dispelled it.

The British delegation is travelling to Athens with no illusions that the argument is going to be easy to win. "Experience has taught us that it is better to approach these negotiations, not with optimism or pessimism, but with determination," and official said yesterday.

Two VIPs at Downing St



Mr Thorn: Visited 10 capitals for views.

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M Chirac: Surprised by Britain's European spirit

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There are still many detailed, difficult and divisive battles to be fought before there can be any final agreement. But if Athens can reach what British officials describe as "suitably specific" conclusions, then it ought to be possible for the next summit in Brussels in March to put the seal of approval to a package of measures which will create the "Europe of the second generation" which all agree is now essential if the Community is to survive.

Those "suitably specific" conclusions would have to be clear enough for Mrs Thatcher to be absolutely certain that there would be meaningful controls on Community spending and that Britain would not have to make a net contribution to the Community larger than a modest 0.1 per cent of the gross domestic product. At present levels that would be about £270m a year.

Only against such cast-iron assurances would Mrs Thatcher be prepared to consider recommending to the British Parliament that there should be an increase in the so-called "VAT ceiling".

At present, member-states are required to pay up to 1 per cent of value added tax receipts from a common basket of goods and services. That money is now not enough to meet the bills, and there will have to be a higher VAT rate if it is ever going to be possible to bring in Spain and Portugal, introduce new policies or even go on paying existing costs - hence the crisis.



Freedom wave: Mr Heineken (left) and Mr Doderer, his chauffeur, released on Wednesday.

Heineken tells how he lay chained in cell

Amsterdam (Reuter) - Mr Alfred Heineken, the Dutch brewery chief rescued by police from kidnapers on Wednesday, told yesterday how he lay chained for three weeks in a cold, damp cell, trying to stay alive.

Mr Heineken, aged 60, one of the richest men in Europe, gave his first public account of his ordeal in a statement released by his company.

He said he had only one warm meal a day and an occasional bucket of water to wash in. He used a broken plastic fork to comb his hair. He hardly saw his single, masked jailer, who insisted on communicating mainly by sign language and notes.

in an Amsterdam warehouse, said in a separate statement that he invented exercises to try and keep active, despite his chains.

Nine of the 20 people still held in connection with the kidnapping were released yesterday. Police said they were satisfied the five women and four men had nothing to do with it.

Police are still seeking three men, at least two of whom are believed to be in Spain, and about \$9m (£4.5m) of an \$11m ransom payment.

waking time in his cell pondering or reading by the light of a single, poor bulb.

They said they realized they were held close to each other only after four days. Mr Doderer said he realized he was being rescued when he heard a voice say: "Damn, there is no match," and he guessed that police were trying to break in.

Both men said they were in good health, and Mr Heineken added that he had kept his sense of humour during captivity "although there wasn't much chance to exercise it".

Botha defies the West on reforms

By Leslie Plommer

Mr R. F. Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, declared in London yesterday that his Government would not make changes based on external demands amounting to a recipe for "capitulation" by the South African administration.

He was "sick" of complaints from abroad and tired of "hypocritical and false moral attitudes" held by some Governments in Europe and elsewhere towards South Africa.

Pretoria forestalls Seychelles plot

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Another attempt to form a mercenary force to carry out a coup d'etat in the Seychelles is being investigated by police in South Africa.

Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said in a statement in Pretoria yesterday that five people have been detained and are being interrogated by the security police. They included British and Zimbabwe citizens.

Rapists plea against castration

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Three men convicted in South Carolina of raping and torturing a woman are appealing against the extraordinary and controversial sentence passed on them. The judge said they could choose between 30 years in jail or surgical castration.

The sentence has been strongly praised and fiercely criticized. Castration is favoured by advocates of tougher official attitudes to criminals, but it is condemned by others as barbaric and unconstitutional.

Proconsul ape did not reign alone

Nairobi - Remains of a 17 million-year-old ape-like creature, discovered recently in northern Kenya, are expected to lead to a revision of existing theories about the earliest ancestors of man and apes (Charles Harrison writes).

Mr Richard Leakey, director of the National Museums of Kenya, said here yesterday that the latest finds, made in a waterless area close to the Ethiopian border a few weeks ago, were "clearly distinct" from the proconsul ape, which is known to have existed at the same period and hitherto was to be the earliest ancestor of all primates and man.

Now it seems that the proconsul was not alone - but lived alongside a different creature, twice the size of proconsul, and with a quite different jaw and facial characteristics.

Basques bomb US targets

San Sebastian (Reuter) - Basque separatist guerrillas, in the worst campaign against US interests in the region for many years, bombed eight American targets causing extensive damage but no injuries.

The bombs exploded on Thursday night in Coca Cola plants here and in Pamplona, at the offices of the NCR computer company in San Sebastian and in Vitoria and at a Pepsi-Cola plant in Vitoria.

Flynt held for trying to flee

Anchorage (Reuter) - Mr Larry Flynt, the sex magazine publisher, saying he wanted to go to Moscow to give President Andropov a cancer cure, flew to Alaska yesterday - and was promptly arrested and ordered back to Los Angeles.

He was detained for breaking an order not to leave the jurisdiction of a Los Angeles court, which is fining him £12,500 a day for refusing to reveal the source of a tape recording involving the car maker John De Lorean.

Dog deadline

Peking (AP) - Dog owners in Peking have been given three more weeks to get rid of their pets voluntarily before the authorities enforce a ban on them. Despite official claims that extermination teams have killed 200,000 dogs in the past six weeks, there have been no reported sightings of the extermination squads.

Briton freed

Johannesburg (Reuter) - Mr David Rabkin, a British journalist who was jailed in 1976 for 10 years for offences under South Africa's terrorism and internal security laws, has been freed, three years before his sentence expired.

Dingo case

Canberra (Reuter) - The Australian High Court reserved judgment on the final appeal of Lindy Chamberlain against a life sentence for murdering her baby daughter in the so-called Dingo murder case. Chamberlain, aged 35, jailed in April, had maintained that a dingo snatched her baby.

Nazi centre

Bonn (Reuter) - Parliament approved a motion by the opposition Social Democrats to establish a public documentation and information centre chronicling the Nazi persecution of Jews and other people.

Former spy chief held in bribes case

From John Earle, Rome

General Giuseppe Santovito, former head of Italian military intelligence and a member of the banned P2 Masonic lodge, was arrested here early yesterday on orders of a magistrate investigating a Mafia-type bribery case.

The central figure in the case is Signor Alvaro Giardilli, a businessman arrested a month ago and accused of being involved in offering bribes for two contracts, one to rebuild houses after the Naples earthquake of 1980, the other to conduct an aerial photographic survey of Sicily.

Arrests and curfew in Bangladesh

Ershad in fear of army coup

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Lieutenant-General Ershad has stamped hard on the dissenting political parties in Bangladesh following the bloody demonstrations in Dhaka and Chittagong. The leadership of the main parties is either arrested or on the run. Heavily armed soldiers man key intersections in the capital. A curfew was in force last night for seven hours from 10pm.

The permission for the resumption of political activity which General Ershad generously announced as the Queen's aircraft was approaching Zia international airport at the beginning of her state visit here a fortnight ago has been hurriedly scrapped.

Druze in mourning for shaikh

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Hundreds of Druze gathered in West Beirut yesterday to mourn their murdered chief jurist, Shaikh Halim Taki-edine, and to call on the Government to find his murderer. Druze women walked silently past Shaikh Taki-edine's body, in a simple wooden coffin, at a Druze centre.

In Tripoli, a spokesman for Mr Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, said Syria had turned down a request to guarantee the safety of an International Red Cross ship due into the port to transport wounded Arafat loyalists for treatment elsewhere.

Dr Runcie in China as a friend

Peking (Reuter) - The Archbishop of Canterbury arrived in Peking yesterday on the first official visit to China by the spiritual head of the Anglican church.

Dr Runcie said: "We shall bring messages of friendship not only from Anglicans but from other Christians because we represent them all."

Dr Runcie made an unofficial visit to China in January, 1982, when he went to a Protestant seminary in Nanjing but did not come to Peking. Asked whether he would raise the issue of four Chinese Catholic priests who have been imprisoned for refusing to renounce ties with the Vatican, the Archbishop said: "We will see what we shall raise when we see what the programme is."

Junta did not expect a war

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The latest published excerpts from the top-secret Rattenbach report on Argentina's defeat in the Falklands war reveal that the junta which ordered the occupation of the islands did not seriously consider the possibility that Britain would react with military force.

The weekly magazine *Siete Dias* published on Wednesday the second instalment of excerpts from the military's definitive investigation of the war, which strongly condemns the decision to seize the islands and states that confused strategic planning led the country into a war for which it was not prepared.

Government's own investigation of who was responsible for the Falklands war. As President, Señor Alfonsín will have the final word on the fate of those military officers court-martialled by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. That court-martial has begun summary proceedings but will probably take several months to pass a verdict on those indicted by the Rattenbach report.

Time to talk, says Steel

By Our Political Editor

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, said yesterday that failure to pursue negotiations with Argentina over the Falkland Islands would be to abandon a crucial opportunity presented by Argentina's return to democracy.

Speaking to members of Edinburgh University Air Squadron, he said that a policy of "Fortress Falklands", made necessary by war, was no longer

profoundly damaging to Britain's national defence commitments. The economic burden of defending the islands, at about £750m a year, was more than the total air defence cost of Britain.



The best gift for many children this Christmas is the gift of life. A bowl of food for a starving boy in Ethiopia. A nurse's care for a sick child in Uganda. Father Christmas can't make it happen. You can. They need food, medicine and shelter now. Five pounds will feed the little boy for a month. Twenty pounds will help to build a new life for that child in Uganda.

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BOXING: BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Board's policy means that viewers must miss a classic

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

It is a pity that the British Boxing Board of Control's policy of limiting promoters to four days a year when they can arrange for bouts to be televised on the day they take place will prevent the British lightweight championship from being shown on ITV screens this afternoon.

The viewers will be missing the best of British courage and skill when George Feeney, of Harlepool, defends his title against Tom Willis, of Liverpool, at the Regent Crest Hotel, Marylebone, London.

The two men, though virtually unknown to the general public, are boxers of the highest standing in Britain and their contrasting styles would make exciting watching. Feeney, the boxer, has a perfect temperament to weather the assaults of Willis, the boxer-fighter.

The champion is never rattled even when the punches are landing on his nose, a part of his face which has an aversion to being pushed around. Feeney has been beaten nine times in his 25 bouts, but five of his defeats have been at the hands of high class opponents - Cornelius Boaz, Edwards, McKenzie, Davidson, Andeh, Ray Mansel, and Howard Davis.

The last two men tested Feeney's abilities to the full and the experience appears to have made him an even better boxer.

Willis, too, has a good temperament but he is not quite so phlegmatic as Feeney. He can get



Willis: lively challenger

rattled when things are not going his way though usually his unassuming attitude has always prevailed.

Willis has won all his 13 bouts, the last six inside the distance. A double ABA light welterweight champion, he found his way past the hard men of the Moscow Olympics to win a bronze medal, and should be able to fight a more rounded Feeney's jab sooner or later.

The upright champion prides himself on going the distance (only Andeh has stopped him, in Lagos) and it was because of the 14 punishing rounds that Feeney had to go through to stop Ray Cattoone that the board decided to cut the championship distance down from

15 to 12 rounds. But Willis could prove a little too lively and his greater stamina could make him the first home boxer to stop Feeney.

In fact of the fact that ITV's programme flexibility is restricted by commercial considerations and also because they pay 50 per cent more for same-day showings than delayed screenings, the board might have relaxed their television policy.

A few days ago, Ray Clarke, the secretary of the board, told me that one way out of this impasse was for Frank Warren, a promoter who has worked with ITV, to put on shows at different venues under the names of different licence-holders. Warren was prepared to do this, but when the proposition was put to the board by ITV it was considered to have come too late to be practicable.

There had been some doubts about the contest going on at all. The board's secretary insisted that unless they received a written assurance from Warren that he would not show the bout the same day on television they would withdraw the officials. Yesterday, Mr Clarke denied this.

The universities and hospitals championships will be held at Mountford Hall, Liverpool University today. There are 50 entries and Gary will have the strongest team, and should lift the Harry Preston Trophy.

Sandhurst have received their interest in the event after nearly 55 years and have put six, although there should be some good boxing in the lighter weights, the heavyweights promise the best action.

ATHLETICS: BUILDING HIGH, GETTING HIGH

Americans 'loaded' chief says Making moves to build a pyramid for the sport

By Pat Butcher

The long road to a single governing body for athletics in Britain should pass an important milestone today. The working party report on amalgamation of the 19 bodies which currently administer athletics in Britain is to be debated by the AA general committee in London. The report proposes the dissolution of the British Amateur Athletic Board, and that a United Kingdom AAA be set up.

That might sound like replacing one federation with another, but in reality the UKAAA would be a proper pyramid, with power at the top, whereas the BAAB was founded over 50 years ago, simply to organize international matches, and its power base has always been in the national organizations, and principally in the AAA, which administers English men's athletics.

Having Crum, Coc, Overt, Moorcroft and Thompson under their auspices is the reason why the AAA, just one of the eight principal governing bodies - the men's and women's associations of the four home countries - could suggest, or even demand, this move to amalgamation.

There would still be national organizations for the four home countries, but the men and women would be administered by one body. The proposal is for a council of 19 people with one paid officer, to administer coaching, finance, home affairs, international affairs and promotions. If the general committee accepts the report it will go to an extraordinary general meeting of the clubs. And they have threatened strong action if the committee ignore their wishes.

The appearance of Steve Overt, against Roger Hackney, Steve Jones, Steve Harris, Micki Gault, Barry Smith and Dave Bedford in the Rank Xerox 10k road race in Battersea Park tomorrow is the principal domestic fixture of the weekend. But there will be much interest in the reappearance of Alberto Salazar, who is due to run the Fukuoka Marathon in Japan, also tomorrow.

Waldemar Cierpinski, the double Olympic champion from East Germany, is also scheduled to run the Gerry Helme, of Britain, who was second in this year's London Marathon.

HOCKEY

Britain in search of lost horizon

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain men's hockey team, with Roger Self, manager, and David Whitaker, coach, leave for Hongkong today to try to regain their lost horizon - a place in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles next year. Their final placing in the 10-nations Hongkong tournament, will be taken into account when the technical committee of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) meet in January to select the 12 teams for Los Angeles.

The British team does not have a complete schedule of matches, knowing only that their first game is against Pakistan on Dec 11. "It is difficult," Self said yesterday, "to plan any strategy without knowing specifically the order in which our obstacles appear."

"We have prepared the British team as well as we have been able to, and were permitted to do by the respective constituent associations."

This last remark refers to the question of the availability of players and he has had about four months in which to prepare a force for his own "Battle of Britain". Self has implications in his squad (the club contains only one player from Scotland, two from Northern Ireland, and 13 from England. No players were several years).

"I refuse to accept that we are ill-prepared. We have many experienced international players in the squad, and our only minor problem is to build up a unity of purpose, spirit, and confidence in our ability."

Self coached Southgate to three successive triumphs in the European Club championship from 1976 to 1978, and in the same capacity helped Wales to achieve their only three victories over England, the most recent at Penarth in 1973.

After the British team had missed the bus for the 1976 Games in Montreal, having lost a three-match play off to Belgium in Amsterdam, the Great Britain Hockey Board, appointed Self to prepare a team for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

The results he achieved were good enough for the British team to earn selection, but both the players and management alike were frustrated when the Board withdrew the team from Moscow because of Afghanistan.

SOBANI V H Pagan (Scotland), S Martin, V McCrone (Northern Ireland), J C Taylor, J L Dunne, D H Grant, P J Barber, J H Poller, S V Doherty, R A Langan, N Hughes, D A V Faulkner, S Harman, W Jones.

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RACING: LEADING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURLERS IN OPPOSITION AT SANDOWN PARK

Bright Oasis to end drought over right trip

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
Bright Oasis can give Kim Bailey, his young trainer, the biggest success of his training career at Sandown Park today by winning the valuable Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle.

Cook loses job

Paul Cook will not be riding for Harry Thomson Jones, the Newmarket trainer next season. Thomson Jones said at Newmarket yesterday: "Paul and I are parting company by mutual consent."

Sandown Park

Going: firm.
Total: Double 2.0, 3.0, Treble 1.30, 2.30, 3.30
[Television (TV) 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]
1.0 HENRY VIII CHASE (novices: £3,064; 2m 18yd) (8 runners)



Catch Phrase leads the pursuing group behind Desert Orchid, who is out of the picture. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Silver Buck looks good as gold

Silver Buck and Robert Ernest Combs Ditch in the Colt Car Diamond Chase on the same course in January.
Winter has shown his customary patience in refusing to run Andrew Grettton's seven-year-old in the Gold Cup. However, although Observ's stamina and courage are sure to win him good races later in the season, it is unreasonable to expect him to give 4lb to a razor-sharp Silver Buck at this stage of the campaign.

Success on a plate for Miss Navratilova

Melbourne (Reuter) - Martina Navratilova began her pursuit of the third leg of the grand slam with an emphatic 6-0, 7-5, win over fellow-American, Heather Ludloff, in the first round of the Australian Open yesterday.
But the Wimbledon and US Open champion, who needs the Australian and French titles to complete her first grand slam, scoffed at suggestions that, because three leading American players had opted to miss the tournament, her name might just as well be engraved on the trophy now.

String of birdies helps Ballesteros to go ahead

Sun City Bophuthatswana (AP) - Severiano Ballesteros collected his fifth birdie on the par-four 17th hole yesterday to go one stroke ahead of Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam on the second day of the Million Dollar Challenge.
Ballesteros, the US Masters champion, finished the round with a five-under-par 67, putting him at eight under after 36 holes with a total of 136.

Unruffled Miss Daniels

Carol Daniels, an American who was asked to qualify for the first of the LTA's satellite tournaments a month ago, yesterday won \$800 and a place in the 1984 Tournament of Champions, when she defeated Judith Warrington of the Netherlands 7-5, 6-4 in the final of the women's Masters at Telford.
The West Virginian, who recently gave up her post as a teacher of physical education to play full time tennis for two years, collected half a point for the world computer bid, with this being her first official tournament, she will have to play five further counting events before her name appears on the rankings list.

W Indians score quick runs on docile pitch

Durban (Reuter) - A West Indian XI led by all out in their first innings on the first day of their three-day match against Natal.
Feasting on the modest Natal attack, the West Indians, who won the toss, scored at four runs an over on the most docile of pitches.
The opener Faoued Bacchus led the charge with a disciplined 83 off 158 balls before being caught third off the first ball of Miffie Clark's third spell. The most exciting innings came from Kallikharan, who made 55 off 82 balls. His 20 fours included eight sixes and sixes. Bacchus put on 82 in 67 minutes with Greenidge for the first wicket, 52 in three-quarters of an hour for the second wicket with Yallop and 90 in 20 minutes with Kallikharan for the third.

Bacchus: disciplined innings

Test matches. He toured England in 1960 and 1965 and at home played against New Zealand in 1961-62, India in 1964-65 and Australia in 1966-67. In his first class career, spanning 17 years, he took 476 wickets at 21.14 apiece.

Yallop wallops bowling

Melbourne (Reuter) - Graham Yallop scored his fourth hundred in five innings, and the 27th of his career, as Victoria made a commanding start against the Pakistani cricketers.
At the close of the first day of the four-day match, Victoria were 287 for three with Yallop, the left-handed batsman, 116 not out after 243 minutes at the crease. He hit 13 boundaries.
It was another unprofitable day for the Pakistanis, who have had a disappointing tour so far. Sarfraz Nawaz, the fast bowler who drew out the touring side on Wednesday, found it hard going on a placid pitch, finishing with one for 49 in 19 overs.

Victoria's disciplined batting

Victoria's disciplined batting was the key to their success. The batsmen were well served by the pitch, which was a placid one. Yallop's century was a significant milestone in his career.

Plastic rails for Epsom

Riding risks in next year's Derby will be reduced by the removal of concrete posts and installation of new plastic uprights and running rails from the top of the Epsom hill, round Tattenham Corner, to the beginning of the straight.
Tim Neilligan, United Racecourses' racing manager, said yesterday: "As the concrete posts in this area have been removed, and we intend to install new plastic uprights and rails that are standard on Paris tracks and in Hongkong. They are now with the Jockey Club for official approval here."

Sandown results

Going: firm.
1.00 CHRONOPHASE CHASE (novices: £2,121; 3m 11yd)
DUNGS OF MILAN (g) by Miland-Smart (Countess Products Marketing Ltd) 6-10-10
2.00 MECCA THREE-YEAR OLD HURDLE (Epsom: £2,018; 2m) (11)

Chepstow

Going: good
[Television (BBC1) 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races]
1.0 PHILIP CORNIES HURDLE (novices: £2,038; 2m 40yd)
2.00 REARSHAL CHASE (Epsom: £2,748; 3m) (4)

Newcastle

Going: good
[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]
1.25 BILLY BOB HURDLE (handicap: £1,704; 2m 12yd) (9 runners)

Sedgefield results

On Sale: £2.50
1.00 CHRONOPHASE CHASE (novices: £2,121; 3m 11yd)
2.00 MECCA THREE-YEAR OLD HURDLE (Epsom: £2,018; 2m) (11)

Sandown selections

By Michael Seely
1.0 Upham Kelly, 1.30 Water Rock, 2.0 Silver Buck, 2.30 Saffron's Daughter, 3.0 Kristen, 3.30 Vivavace.

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1.25 Ash King, 1.15 Chetel, 1.45 Tartan Trader, 2.15 Leitch, 2.45 Cockle Strad, 3.5 Annoch.

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Advertisement for 'Weekend radio' listing programs for Saturday and Sunday.

Advertisement for 'Spring cruises to ancient Greece, Egypt and the Holy Land'.

Advertisement for 'REMEMBER' and 'PLEASE HELP TO CONQUER ASTHMA'.

Advertisement for 'WINTER SPORTS' and 'FLAT SHARING'.

Britain hopeful of Athens summit

By Patricia Clough The Government sees the chance of a breakthrough at the Athens EEC summit, thanks to France's new proposals to control the growth in community spending...

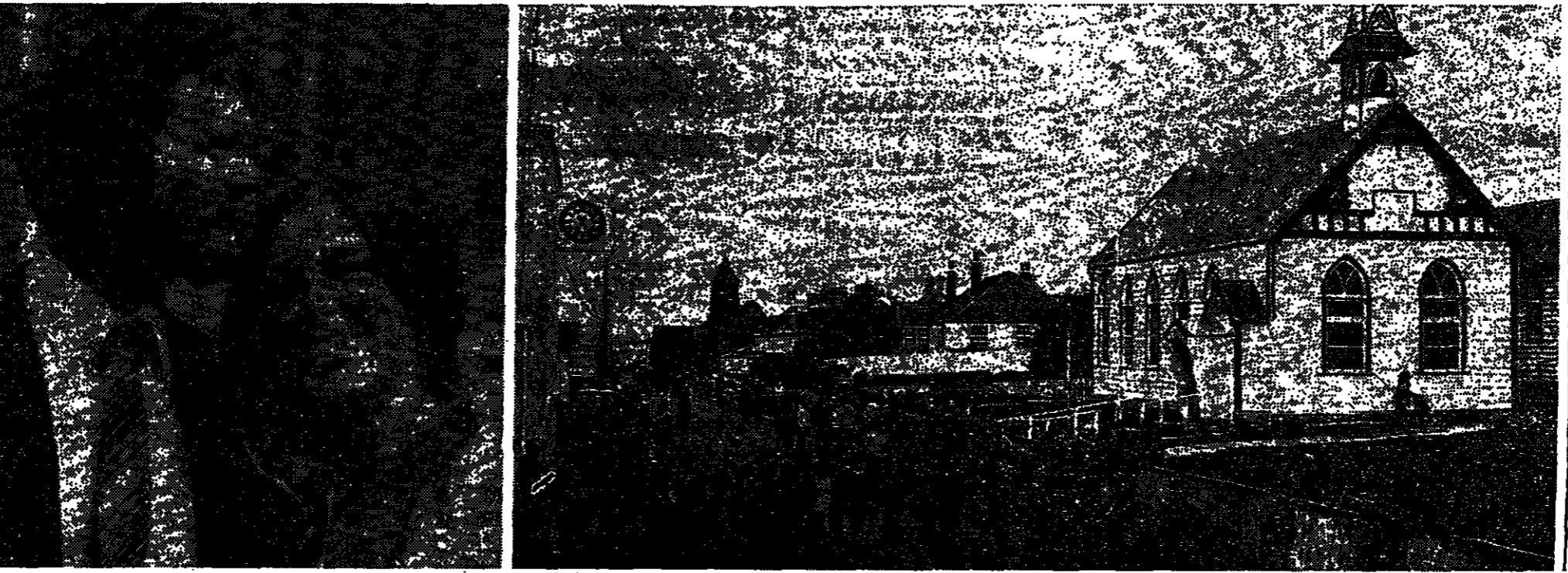
Falklands calendar tours around the islands

One of the New Year's more unusual calendars has been produced by Mr Stephen Whitley the Falklands Island's veterinary officer...



Tighter checks on honours candidates

Continued from page 1 He will use data to be published on Tuesday by the Trades Union-linked Labour Research Department which juxtaposes industrialists honoured for non-political services...



THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions The MacLaurin Collection - the first exhibition of the MacLaurin collection of twentieth century art...

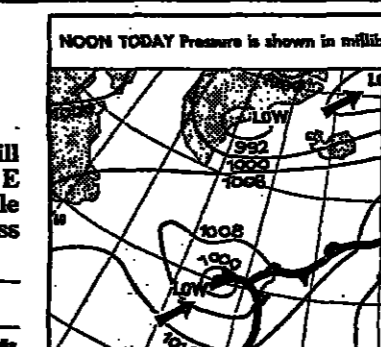
1872-1952: Galleries 17-19, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham...

The Art of Craft, an exhibition of craftwork at Newport Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square...

In the garden One is often told on TV and radio in articles to put combs, tubers, fruits and vegetables in a frost-free shed...

Roads London and South-east A1018 (Chesham): Sewer works along Rosbrook Street between Russell's Ride and Hillside Avenue...

Weather forecast A ridge of high pressure will be maintained over S and E parts of England while troughs of low pressure cross N and W parts of Britain.



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,300

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday...

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Joseph Conrad, Berdichev, Russia, 1857; Anton von Webern, composer, Vienna, 1883...

Lighting-up time

TODAY London 4.24 pm to 7.17 am; Edinburgh 4.15 pm to 7.55 am; Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.55 am...

Space shuttle calls

British Telecom customers can listen in to live communication between the Columbia space shuttle and Mission Control at Houston...

The papers

The Daily Nation of Nairobi yesterday commented on the forced removal of blacks from South Africa...

High and lowest

Table showing highest and lowest temperatures for various cities like Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, etc.

London

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for London, including sun, moon, and moonset times.

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Avonmouth, Cardiff, etc.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions for various locations across Britain, including London, Liverpool, Manchester, etc.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations like Algeiras, Algiers, Amsterdam, etc.

ACROSS 1 Game player? Nonsense! (10). 2 Former tragic killer in the West Country (6). 3 Sure it's connected with current arrangements? (8).

DOWN 2 Jack and Doris wrong? Jack might be (6). 3 Scottish literary school is cultured? (8).

Tomorrow

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, presides at the FEI General Assembly and Bureau Meeting in Amsterdam...

Carol Services

Advent Carol Service, Manchester Cathedral, 7. Advent Carol Service, Coventry Cathedral, 7.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, etc.

COMPUTER COMPETITION

THE TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED has a special prize for those who solve the most crossword puzzles...

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

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BBC

- 1.35 Inching Private Eye cartoon series from the US; 6.00 Saturday SuperStore Today's... 1.00 The Philp Cornes Novels...

TV-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain: with the Parkinsons (Michael and Mary); News at 7.00 and 8.00; sport (7.10); Pick of the Week (8.30); Jimmy Tarbuck...

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information: what's on tonight; 9.30 Pick Up your Feet: Double Dutch jump rope...



Deborah Grant and John Nettles in Bergerac (BBC 1, 8.40pm), the first in a new series, set in Jersey.

BBC 2

- 10.10 Open University: Until 11.25; 2.15 Saturday Cinema: Hue and Cry (1947) Famous Ealing comedy...

BBC 1

- 9.00 Heads and Tails: for the toddlers (7); 9.15 Sunday Worship: Jesus and Judaism; 10.00 Asian Magazine...

TV-am

- 7.25 Good Morning Britain: with David Frost who introduces today's Thought for a Sunday speaker; 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: fun for the under-eights...

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information: What's on in the LWT area; 9.30 The Plan: All Plants that add value to life (7); 10.00 Morning Worship...



Alfred Brendel, who plays the E major sonata, Op 109 in the Beethoven Piano Sonatas series (BBC2, 3.25pm).

BBC 2

- 10.10 Open University: until 12.30pm; 2.05 Heroes: Frank Middlemass, the actor, explains why he has such a high regard for Dickens...

CHANNEL 4

- 1.25 Irish Angle: A news programme from Ian Usher Television or Radio Telefis Eireann; 1.55 Film: 27 Down (The Train to Binaries) (1977)...

Radio 4

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